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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CASE NO. 2005-00404

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

RONALD J. HALL

COMPLAINANT

VS.

RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY

EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY

DEFENDANT

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Comes the Defendant, Equitable Gas Company, by counsel, and for its response to the First Data Request of Commission Staff to Equitable Gas Company, states as follows:

1. Did Ronald J. Hall apply for gas service as stated in the complaint? If yes, provide a copy of the application.

Response No. 1. It is believed that Ronald J. Hall did make a request to be provided with domestic gas service. His initial request was to Equitable Gas Company, a company that does not operate wells, gathering lines, or pipelines and which consequently does not provide domestic gas service pursuant to KRS 278.485.

2. Explain why service was not provided to Ronald J. Hall. Provide any correspondence between Equitable and Ronald J. Hall concerning his request for gas service.

Response No. 2. Gas service was not provided by Equitable Gas Company to Ronald J. Hall since, as explained above, Equitable Gas Company does not provide domestic gas service. An affiliate of Equitable Gas Company, Equitable Production Company, does provide domestic

gas service pursuant to KRS 278.485 and is providing such service to Mr. Hall. Equitable cannot locate any correspondence with Mr. Hall concerning his request for gas service.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true copy of the foregoing has this day of

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been mailed to the following parties of record:

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